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SUBJECT: ARGENTINA WILL CONFER WITH BRAZIL BEFORE
CONFIRMING ITS AGREEMENT ON NSG AD REF TEXT

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1. (SBU) Pol-Mil Officer discussed ref demarche December 2 with Ambassador Elsa Kelly, the MFA Director for International Security, Nuclear and Space Affairs (DIGAN), the head of Argentina's delegation to the November 19-20 NSG Consultative Group (CG) meeting in Vienna. Kelly described the CG meeting as "difficult" but said that the participating government (PG) representatives had been able to reach what she called a "consensus" on the language for a criteria-based approach to transfers of enrichment and reprocessing technologies and equipment.

2. (SBU) Asked whether the GOA was prepared to confirm its agreement to the amendments to paragraphs 6 and 7 agreed to ad referendum on November 20, Kelly said that the GOA needed to confer with Brazil. Officials from DIGAN, including Kelly, are traveling to Brazil for meetings December 9-12; Kelly said that they would discuss the ad ref text on the margins. Kelly said that given the dates in Brazil, she would be in touch with the U.S. delegation to the CG to see whether Argentina could convey its decision December 13, or "close to midnight" on the 12th.
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